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For: Biopsy-Needle Having Rotating Core For Shearing Tissue

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1. Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (1 page);
- 2. Inventors' executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages);
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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